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NEW METHODS RAISE MINE PRODUCTIONMINE PRODUCTION UP -- Borba, No 108, 8 May 49

During the first 4 months of 1949, mineral production has increased greatly as compared with last year. During the first quarter of 1949, coal production increased by 26.7 percent, the production of unrefined lead by 40.5 percent and of refined lead by 35.9 percent, antimony production by 27.8 percent, and bauxite production by 118.3 percent.

Slovenian miners exceeded their plan for the first quarter by 1.7 percent and their April plan by 4 percent. In Serbia, 14 mines exceeded their quarter plan and more than 16 exceeded their April plan.

Trepca, the most successful nonferrous mine, exceeded its quarter plan by 5 percent and its plan for zinc concentrate by 7 percent, and fulfilled its plan for lead concentrate and refined lead.

At Mazice the April plan for raw coal was fulfilled 121 percent. The Radusa chromite mine exceeded its plan for all groups of chromium products, and its plan for ore of the third group by 31 percent. The chromium mine at Rabrovo fulfilled its April plan 115 percent for ore of the second group and 162 percent for ore of the third group. All the other chromium mines fulfilled their April plans. Good results also were achieved in the mercury and bauxite mines.

These results were achieved largely because of the introduction of new and more efficient working methods and mechanization. At the Breza mine, for example, production was increased by 15 percent after conversion to the broad-face method and to concentration of working sites. Mechanization and improved transport of coal increased production at the Kosovo mine by 40 percent.

Almost all the nonferrous mines have introduced the brigade system in all underground operations and are now organizing it in surface operations.

On 17 April the Trepca miners produced 1,800 tons of ore more than the planned figure, in connection with the contest then in progress.

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EXPANSION PROGRAM AT SERBIAN MINE -- Borba, No 107, 7 May 49

Raska -- About the middle of last year, an extensive rebuilding and expansion program was begun at the "Kopacnik" mine. Workers from Trepca cleaned out the pits that had been destroyed during the war, and workers from the "Hablar" construction enterprise erected temporary barracks for workers, built a new motor road between Lesak and Belo Brdo, and replaced the poles for the ropeway that were destroyed during the war.

The road is now complete, and trucks can travel on it for the full 18 kilometers. Work on the road, including laying the concrete pavement, continued without interruption through the winter.

By 1 May, 54 poles had been set up, and volunteers are now completing the installation of the steel cable. The ropeway will begin operation by the end of May if the railroad car factory in Kraljevo and the "Jastrebac" foundry in Niš fill their orders on time.

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